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Actions with which the public can be informed about the up-coming „Global Wave of Action for Education“, as well as awareness spread regarding the necessity of having free and emancipatory education.

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- create a draft for a **united press release** [for June 9th];
- use meetings [e.g. European Social Forum, U.S. Social Forum, „European Education Congress“, and many more] to **inform** about this initiative **and discuss** it;
- **inform** as many education activists and groups **worldwide** as possible [all need to help here] and encourage them to take part in the co-ordination process;
- **network** on an international and global level.

The next international chat meeting to discuss this further will be on **April 4th** [sunday] at 4pm GMT [details to be sent to the mailing list of the „International Student Movement“]. In the meantime the forum and mailing list will be used to coordinate and communicate.

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It is an independent platform aiming to unite activists, groups and movements struggling against the increasing commercialisation, marketisation and privatisation of public education, as well as for free and emancipatory education, which is accessible to all. The platform is open to all activists identifying with these objectives and all are welcome to get actively involved.

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- regular international **chat meetings** [~ 1-2 times a month]
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